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GEL FORMERS, ORGANIC HYDROCOLLOIDS AND PARTICULATE  
HYDROPHOBIC, HYDROPHOBICIZED OR OIL  
ABSORBING SOLID-BODY SUBSTANCES

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	6	International Search Report from corresponding International Application No. PCT/EP02/09981, dated January 28, 2003				
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